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WASHINGTON D.C. UPDATE

Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

The Senate passed its version of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Homeland Security appropriations bill (H.R. 4567) on September 14, 2004. Before passing the bill, the Senate amended it to include \$2.9 billion in emergency disaster aid for farmers who suffered losses due to droughts, floods, and other natural disasters in the past year. As reported in a previous Washington update, numerous amendments to increase homeland security grant funding were defeated. In addition, an amendment by Senator Clinton (D-NY) to allocate homeland security formula grant funds based on terrorist threats, population, and critical infrastructure was defeated, 39 to 54. Senate floor amendments, however, were adopted to increase funding for Firefighting Assistance Grants by \$50 million to \$750 million and to include \$100 million for the new Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighting (SAFER) program, which provides matching grants to fire department to hire firefighters. The House version includes \$50 million for SAFER. The Senate also adopted an amendment to set aside \$50 million from the \$400 million appropriated for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grants to identify, acquire, and transfer homeland security technology, equipment, and information to state and local law enforcement agencies.

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

County Washington Advocate Franklin Logan reports that the Senate Appropriations Committee included \$220 million for SCAAP when it marked up the FFY 2005

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Commerce/Justice/State (CJS) appropriations bill on September 15th. In comparison, SCAAP was funded at \$297 million in FFY 2004 and is funded at \$325 million in the House FFY 2005 CJS appropriations bill. Historically, the Senate has funded SCAAP at a far lower level than the House. The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet released its committee report on its CJS appropriations bill.

Labor/Health and Human Services (HHS)/Education Appropriations Bill

On September 15th, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FFY 2005 Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill. Similar to the bill passed by the House last week, most programs of County interest either would be funded at FFY 2004 levels or would receive small increases. The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet released the committee report on its Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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